



## **Republican National Committee**

**Counsel's Office**

### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO: REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**FROM: RNC COUNSEL'S OFFICE**

**DATE: JANUARY 29, 2016**

**RE: BINDING OF RNC MEMBERS**

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The Call of the 2016 Republican National Convention was issued on Monday, November 30, 2015. The Call reaffirms Rule 16(a)(1), which requires each state's delegation, other than delegates elected directly on a primary ballot, to be bound by the results of the state's presidential preference vote.

The Call clarifies that where neither state party rule nor state law, by their terms, explicitly binds certain delegates, specifically the Republican National Committee (RNC) members, those delegates will be bound in the same manner as the state's at-large delegates. In states that select and bind their at-large delegates directly on a primary ballot, the RNC members will be bound to the candidate receiving the most votes in the state's presidential primary.

Several state party rules do not explicitly bind the RNC members. Accordingly, at the 2016 Republican National Convention, these RNC members will be bound in the same manner as the state's at-large delegates.